

A HARD BLOW TO SOCIALISM

PERSONAL FACTORS ALSO IN DEFEAT OF CHURCHILL.

Re Both Chances and Enrages the British Populace—Asquith Ministry May Hold on Three Years, but the Lords Will Kill Extreme Measures—London, Dines.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
LONDON, April 25.—Politics and the weather have absorbed public attention in these isles during the entire week. The rules of the cable company forbid the transmission of an adequate description of the latter subject; suffice it to say that more snow has fallen in London in the last three days than in the entire previous winter. To-day's papers chronicle the finding of the frozen body of a man in a snow drift a few miles from London. He had attempted to walk home a long distance during Thursday's so-called blizzard and perished by the wayside.

Politics, on the other hand, is a subject which is displaying all the extreme heat which the weather lacks. There was a greater display of red-hot roaring enthusiasm in the streets of London last night over Winston Churchill's defeat in Manchester than I have seen at any political demonstration since the night of July 4, 1892, at Omaha, when the People's party let their voices loose over the nomination of Donnelly. This Manchester fight was the most picturesque personal of any English campaign of recent years. Churchill's brilliancy, audacity and unscrupulousness have charmed or enraged the populace according to their mental constitution. Even where he commands admiration he inspires no confidence, and his defeat has been received with exultation by a large majority of his countrymen. His political character is well indicated by Mr. Grayson, a Socialist member of Parliament, who says of Churchill's electioneering methods:

"If you ask him if he believes in and so he looks you in the eye and asks: 'Do you believe in it?' If you answer yes he will reply, 'So do I.'"

In other words he will promise anything in a campaign and ignore it completely afterward. Nevertheless Churchill is the most prominent figure in English public life, and his ability is so great that his repression is impossible.

WHAT IT MEANS.

The broader significance of the Manchester election is described by the English press of both parties as epoch making. It means, of course, complete condemnation of the Government's record and programme. It means also a salutary setback to socialism and a great growth of Mr. Chamberlain's tariff doctrine in a constituency which was regarded as the citadel of free trade.

The licensing, education and old age pension measures of the Government all helped to defeat the Liberals. The practical question now arises what effect this disastrous blow will have upon Mr. Asquith's programme. He is quite bold enough to ignore the evidence of the country's displeasure and go on as though nothing had happened.

Mr. Churchill told his constituents in his speeches that the Government expected to continue in office for three more years. They are legally entitled to do so, for all the by-elections should go against them their enormous majority would scarcely be impaired. Manchester, however, settled one point: The Government's power for evil in socialistic or other radical legislation is now at an end. The House of Lords will be justified in interpreting the will of the country as adverse to all such measures and will throw them out. Then the question will be how long the Government will have the audacity to remain in office in such a deadlock. According to all precedent they must soon appeal to the country in a general election under such circumstances.

ASTOR'S TACTLESS GIFT.

William Waldorf Astor's gift of the Casa, the flag and the Balafra bugle to an English museum aroused mixed comment. The interpretation put upon it in American circles is that this ex-American has gone out of his way to snub his former countrymen. The graceful thing, of course, would have been to present the flag to America and the bugle to England, but Mr. Astor's peculiar character is not built on those lines. He saw an opportunity to emphasize his new allegiance at the expense of the old and he did it in the most offensive way possible. If, however, he expected to promote his well known social ambitions at the hands of the King he has made a serious mistake. The power that is in this country, whether at court or in Downing Street, understand quite well that to confer a peerage on this gentleman would perhaps do more after this episode to weaken their cherished entente cordiale with America than any other small mistake they might make.

COST OF OLD AGE PENSIONS.

Alfred Butterworth, a Lancashire cotton manufacturer, made a practical test of the cost of old age pensions during Easter week by giving five shillings to every one over 65 years old in Oldham and Chadderton, the population of which is 170,000. The cost of the week's pensions as tested by Mr. Butterworth was £1,550. Taking the population of the United Kingdom at 44,000,000, Mr. Butterworth estimates that the annual cost of a national old age pension would be £22,822,000, assuming that the two towns named give the average number of recipients. Mr. Butterworth points out that about four thousand rich people die annually with fortunes aggregating £200,000,000.

ART AND SOCIETY.

The committee to choose pictures for the Academy are tired of the constant innuendo upon the poorness of the exhibitions, so this year the Academy rejections have been more reckless than ever before, and if the exhibition contains fewer paintings, at least a better average will be maintained.

Americans will be greatly in evidence during the opera season, which will begin Thursday. Lady Cooper, the Countess of Yarmouth, J. Pierpont Morgan, Ambassador Reid and Mrs. Glasgow, Mrs. Adair, Mrs. Harry Higgins, Mrs. Ronalds, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Newhouse, Lady Paget and the Countess of Stafford are among the box holders.

Mrs. Klubar has just arrived in London from a motor tour. She says that even the most patriotic American must acknowledge the superiority of the English and Continental roads over the American ones, as well as the more sensible police patrol system.

Mrs. Field Gibson, who has been visiting the Beattys at their hunting lodge, has come to London for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCreery have been travelling on the Continent since their return from America, but are now at their home at Folkestone Park, near Windsor.

CARDINAL PORTANOVA DEAD.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
ROME, April 25.—Cardinal Januario Portanova, Archbishop of Reggio-Calabria, died to-day of a paralytic stroke. He was born at Naples on October 11, 1843, and created and proclaimed on June 18, 1898.

AMERICA ADMIRES FRANCE.

But for Wrong Reasons, Tardieu Thinks To See Across the Atlantic.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
PARIS, April 25.—When President Carnot was assassinated at Lyons in June, 1894, the Eighth Regiment of Light Cavalry, was acting as his bodyguard. As a punishment for allowing the assassin, Caserio, to commit the crime the regiment was deprived of the plume of cock's feathers that ornamented its shako. Gen. Piquart, Minister of War, after fourteen years has restored the plume.

M. Tardieu, foreign editor of the Temps, discussing American admiration and friendship for France, testifies unreservedly to the existence and strength of these sentiments, but expresses dissatisfaction as regards the causes of France's attraction for the Americans. He says that the latter admire in France not her force but her charm, not her policy and capacity for action but her elegance and taste in fashions, literature and art, thus judging the country as though it were a museum instead of a modern people rich in ideas and capital.

M. Tardieu says, in due partly to the French being the last vanquished people of Europe. Sedan, for Americans, dominates modern French history. Tardieu found, however, that France's brilliant fighting in Morocco has done more for her renown than twenty years of peaceful undertakings, several Americans having confessed that they had not believed France capable of such energy. He says:

"Americans generally are better informed upon France's weakness than upon her strength. Most of those who visit France seek first aristocratic acquaintances. Information gathered from these is stamped with the pessimism of the saloons, which are full of prejudice."

M. Armand, an engineer and scientist who has for many years been experimenting with the telescope or telephone, which is intended to extend the range of human vision to extraordinary distances, says he has so far perfected his apparatus that he can now foretell that the time is not far distant when a man sitting in Paris or London will be able to see what is going on in New York.

He asserts that he has made remarkable progress in his experiments during the last three months. The apparatus is similar to that used for the telegraphic transmission of photographs. He utilizes the properties of selenium. His method was inspired by the development of the cinematograph.

ROMAN TOPICS.

New Story of Abruzzi-Elkins Engagement Result of Vatican Sacrifice.

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ROME, April 25.—Silence has maintained in official circles in regard to the present status of the engagement of the Duke of the Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins. The most recent report is that the King has consented to a proviso for a year's engagement. In support of this statement an official of the royal household is quoted as saying: "If there are roses they shall blossom."

The sacrifice in the Sistine Chapel on Easter Sunday, when Prof. Feilbogen and his wife and sister-in-law after partaking of the communion from the hands of the Pope spat out the consecrated host, has resulted in orders being issued by Mr. Bissler, papal major-domo, that in future only papal audiences be restricted but only Catholics will be admitted to hear the Pope's mass.

This is a return to Pope Leo's custom for the abolition of which the Modernists blame Pope Pius X., claiming that the privilege was recently extended to all classes, whether laborers or distinguished Catholics or Protestants from abroad.

MME. GOULD ON AMERICA.

No Retirement Here, She Says—Desires to Secure Herself.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
PARIS, April 25.—The Naples correspondent of the Journal reports an interview with Mme. Anna Gould. He says she declined to speak of any marriage possibilities, but thus explained her liking for the French aristocracy: "If we favor marriages with Europeans it is because we desire to elevate our standing. We seek on the old continent the ideal qualities which we have not had time to realize in the United States. We like aristocracy because we have not got it at home, and we believe French aristocracy is the last storehouse of the refinements of which Americans are ignorant."

Mme. Gould concluded by saying: "Now I desire to isolate myself from the crowd. I wish to preserve my life from the importunity of fools."

COREANS DENOUNCE STEVENS.

But Hawaiian Colony Denies Any Part in His Murder—Hawaii.

HONOLULU, April 25.—The Korean colony of Hawaii held a large meeting here last night, resolutions denying the statement that Coreans in Hawaii knew of or intended the assassination of Durham W. Stevens or abetted it in any way. The resolutions declare that while the Coreans knew Stevens had played the part of a traitor to their country they knew that his assassination would only react on their own country.

They also assert that peaceable conquest of Korea by the Japanese is impossible, as the Coreans hate the Japanese and will not mix with them.

THE WEATHER.

The storm noted over Nebraska on Friday had its centre over northern Wisconsin yesterday, causing rain throughout the Lake region and to almost all the Atlantic States and dominating conditions over all sections from the Atlantic coast to the Rocky Mountains. West of the Rocky Mountains and in the Southwest the weather was generally fair.

The rainfall was heavy at points in the upper Lake region. It was moderate in the Lake districts, the upper Ohio Valley and the interior of New York and the south Atlantic States.

From the middle and upper Mississippi Valley westward to the Pacific coast it was cooler, with a small area of freezing weather in southern Montana and northern Wyoming.

In this city the day was cloudy and threatening, with an occasional sprinkle of rain; cooler; wind, light to fresh east to southeast; average humidity, 84 per cent; barometer, corrected to sea level, at 8 A. M., 29.86; 3 P. M., 29.88.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

For eastern New York, showers to-day, except generally fair in extreme southern portion; fair and cooler to-morrow; brisk to high southwest to northwest winds.

For New England, showers to-day, and warmer in Maine; generally fair to-morrow and cooler in western portion; brisk to high southwest to west winds.

For eastern Pennsylvania, showers this morning, followed by clearing; fair and cooler to-morrow; fresh to brisk southwest to northwest winds.

For New Jersey and Delaware, generally fair to-day and to-morrow; cooler to-morrow; brisk to moderately high southwest to northwest winds.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, generally fair to-day and to-morrow; fresh to brisk southwest to northwest winds.

For western New York, showers and cooler to-day; partly cloudy to-morrow; brisk to high southwest to west winds.

For western Pennsylvania, cooler and generally fair to-day; partly cloudy to-morrow; brisk to high west to northwest winds.

PRIEST INSULTS KING PETER

PALM SUNDAY EULOGY OF LINE THAT WAS ENDED BY MURDER.

King Site With Stony Stare While Preacher Practically Defies Him—Throne of Serbia Now in Hourly Danger From Both the Regicides and the People.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

LONDON, April 25.—From time to time there comes news from Belgrade of such a nature as to force speculation as to how long King Peter will remain seated on his blood-stained throne. Chafing under the current predominance of the regicides their opponents seem daily to grow bolder in their expression of hatred and determination to rid the country of the men who are the cause of its practical boycott among the nations of Europe.

Each time that the miserable monarch attempts some step to satisfy the anti-regicides it is evident that he receives a grim reminder that the men who murdered King Alexander would not shrink from the murder of King Peter. The Serbian King's latest experience of his humiliating position was on April 19, the Serbian Palm Sunday, when he sat in the cathedral at Belgrade and was forced to hear himself publicly contumacious before a crowded congregation by a military chaplain.

In addition to the King all the notabilities of the city were present in the church when the preacher's opening words aroused at once admiration and consternation. Taking advantage of the fact that the day was the anniversary of an event which happened a century ago, the preacher was able to speak directly to the King of the circumstances of his accession in words which nominally applied to events of a hundred years ago.

"My conscience," he said, "will not allow me to pass over the national importance of this date, which is so closely associated with the great Obrenovitch dynasty." He then referred to the uprising against the Turks under Milosh a century ago on Palm Sunday and the deliverance on Palm Sunday of the keys of the Belgrade fortress to Prince Michael Obrenovitch. Pointing to the latter's tomb he cried: "There lies a ruler who without shedding a drop of blood gave back to Serbia her inheritance and in return fell by the hand of a hired assassin! Shame on the miscreant who compassed the death of this patriot Prince!"

The preacher then extolled the Obrenovitch rulers and called on the congregation to join him in crying "Honor to them, honor!" King Peter sat rigid in his pew and stared fixedly before him while the excited congregation, which was for a moment silent, caught up the words and "Honor, honor!" thundered to the roof, startling the crowds outside, while the helpless successor of the Obrenovitch dynasty listened in impotent silence.

When the priest descended from the pulpit he was congratulated in the sacristy by all the priests present, who thanked him for his independence, offering him pecuniary aid as soon as his dismissal was decreed by the Government.

The deliverance of such a sermon in the presence of the Metropolitan gives double significance to the daring policy of the clergy. The priest informed the Metropolitan of his intention beforehand. The Metropolitan at first demurred, but finally consented with the words: "God bless you, my son; but the consequences will be on your own head."

BRITISH LOSS ONLY SEVEN.

Forty-seven Soldiers Wounded in Fight With the Mohmand Tribesmen.

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LONDON, April 25.—The official list of the casualties in Major-General Sir James Willcock's forces in his recent engagement with the Mohmand tribesmen on the north-western frontier shows that seven men were killed and forty-seven wounded.

The majority of these were natives. Four officers were among the wounded.

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